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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECONCOUNS FEB. 24, DR. FRANK, CHIEF

OF ENERGY SECTION IN TRADE MINISTRY, EXPANDED ON AUSTRIAN POSITION RE REPRESENTATION AT P-C PREPCON AS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL. AUSTRIA HAS NO PROBLEM WITH ORIGINAL FRENCH/YAMANI LIST OF 10 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING EC, JAPAN, AND US, AS WELL AS OIL PRODUCER STATES AND LDC'S. IF PARTICIPATION WERE TO BE ENLARGED BEYOND FRENCH FORMULA, AUSTRIANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEUTRAL COUNTRY AS PARTICIPANT. FRANK EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT GOA CANNOT ACTUALLY BE REPRESENTED BY ANY OTHER COUNTRY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

2. IN ANY CASE, AUSTRIAN VIEWS ON PARTICIPATION IN PREPCON ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO POSITION GOA MAY TAKE WITH REGARD TO FULL-SCALE P-C MEETING.

3. GOA BELIEVES THAT IEA ITSELF SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN SOME MANNER IN PREPCON AND SUBSEQUENT P-C MEETINGS.

4. FRANK STRESSED VIEW THAT FRANCE, BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE TIES WITH ARAB STATES, HAS A UNIQUE POSITION AND, THEREFORE, A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN P-C DIALOGUE. HE REITERATED THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH A PREPCON STAGED IN PARIS UNDER FRENCH CHARIMANSHIP.
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